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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the above-captioned patent application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following comments. As a result of the amendments presented herein, Claims 1-17 and 22-66 remain pending. Claims 18-21 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Support for Newly-Presented Claims

In response to the Office Communication of March 20, 2003, Applicants note that those of the currently-pending claims which were newly presented in the Preliminary Amendment of November 1, 2002 are supported in the original specification in at least the following locations:

Claim(s)	Support
22	figs. 3-7; paras. 0087-0089
23-26	figs. 17.1-17.3; paras. 0105-0106 0101
27-30	figs. 35-36; paras. 0160-0162 0149-0151
31-39	para. 0109 0104
40-42	figs. 38.3-38.4; paras. 0165-0166
43-45	fig. 20; para. 0119
46-66	paras. 0153-0158 0139-

Cancellation of Claims 18-21

Although dependent Claims 18-21 have been cancelled without prejudice, no acquiescence or estoppel is or should be implied thereby. Rather, these cancellations are made only to expedite prosecution of the present application, and without prejudice to presentation or assertion, in the future, of claims on the subject matter affected thereby. Applicants further note that independent Claim 1, from which Claims 18-21 depended, maintains sufficient literal scope to cover lens systems having the structure set forth with specificity in Claims 18-21, regardless of whether such structure is recited in claims dependent from Claim 1.

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Conclusion

If any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney, Mark J. Kertz at (949) 721-6318 to resolve such issue(s) promptly.

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